Revival of 114 sick NTC Mills

1797. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to revive 114 sick NTC Mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount to be spent therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) (a) to (c) The decision regarding revival or closure of mills in the 8 sick subsidiaries of NTC would be taken by BIFR while finalising the rehabilitation schemes for these subsidiaries. BIFR circulated Draft Rehabilitation Schemes, which envisage revival of 44 viable Mills and closure of 60 unviable mills through a rehabilitation plan costing Rs. 2993 crores to be financed largely out the sale of surplus lands and assets. Government have given in principle consent to the DRSs. Final decision in this regard is to be taken by BIFR after considering objection / suggestions from all concerned. BIFR has fixed hearings for finalisation of the Schemes for the 8 subsidiaries on different dates in February 2002.

Fabric imported from China

1798. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Textile industry is facing stiff competition from the fabric imported from China;

(b) if so, the details of measures taken by the Government to provide level playing ground to the domestic industry; and

(c) the import of texiles from China and other countries in the last three years; country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Though the import of fabrics from China have shown an increase, the total quantity imported from China is not significant. The import of fabrics, yarns from China during the year 2000-2001 amounted to US$ 68.1 million which is less than even 0.05% of our domestic fabric consumption.